2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 3 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 4 OAKLAND DIVISION 5 ERNESTO S. PURUGAN and ISABELITA Case No: C 12-5168 SBA G. PURUGAN, 7 ORDER Plaintiffs, 8 vs. HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL 10 ASSOCIATION as Trustee for ACE SECURITIES CORP. HOME EQUITY LOAN 11 TRUST, SERIES 2005-HE7, ASSET BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES; MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION 12 SYSTEMS, INC., and DOES 1 through 13 100, 14 Defendants. 15 16 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the **17** 18

Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the Court refers this foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. All counsel of record shall participate in a telephone conference which is to be scheduled by the ADR Unit as soon as possible but no later than forty-five days from the date this Order is filed.

Counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- (1) Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents;
- (2) Prospects for loan modification; and
- (3) Prospects for settlement.

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The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone conference. In preparation for the telephone conference, Plaintiff shall do the following:

- (1) Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether they have merit;
- (2) If Plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims, Plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification request. Further, Plaintiff shall immediately notify Defendants' counsel of the request for a loan modification; and
- (3) Provide counsel for Defendants with information necessary to evaluate the prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or application customarily used by financial institutions.

In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for Defendants shall do the following:

- (1) If Defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving notice of Plaintiff's request, counsel for Defendants shall promptly notify Plaintiff to that effect; and
- (2) Arrange for a representative of each Defendant with full settlement authority to participate in the telephone conference.

The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time the telephone conference will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the Court of its recommendation for further ADR proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 10, 2012

SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG United States District Judge

cc: ADR

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